



January 31, 2008 Welcome to InfoShock News Express.

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And now for the announcements—

Reminder : Lewis and Clark Lecture Tonight

If the weather holds, the fourth event in the Lewis and Clark Series will be held tonight from 7:00PM to 8:30PM in Ablah's lower level. Dr. Phillip Thomas will be lecturing on the plant and animal life encountered by Lewis and Clark. His lecture is entitled "Into a World Unknown: The Corps of Discovery Encounters the Flora, Fauna, Peoples, and Geography of the Trans-Mississippi West" Refreshments will be served.

The story of the Early English Book Collection and Microform Cabinets

Last fall, the WSU Libraries had the opportunity to assume ownership of 3434 reels of microfilm containing copies of early English books from the dawn of printing to the 1700's. This opportunity came about when K-State began subscribing to the very pricey online version of *Early English Books* and no longer wanted the microfilm copies. Liorah and Lorraine surveyed their faculty to determine interest and then worked with Cathy Moore-Jansen, Nancy Deyoe, and the K-State librarians to coordinate the transfer of the property. This transfer included Cathy and Liorah driving a truck up to Manhattan to pick up the collection. The next step was to determine how to store the collection. In a bit of fortuitous timing, Emporia State announced that they had several microform cabinets available due to their recently completed compact shelving project. Jane Hodge jumped on this opportunity and arranged with Emporia State to hold several cabinets. After driving to Emporia and selecting matching cabinets, Jane arranged with Physical Plant for the cabinets to be picked up and delivered to Ablah. It will be a few more months before this collection is processed and made available to the public but, through thrift and good teamwork, we have brought a very valuable research collection to the students and faculty of Wichita State. Hats off to all of those involved in this project.

Fax Service Now Available for Students

This semester, Circulation has begun offering fax service to students. The charges will be the same as those charged by the campus bookstore. Faxes sent to local numbers will cost \$1.00, U.S. Long-distance numbers will be \$2.50 for the first or cover page and \$0.50 for each additional page, and international numbers will cost \$7.50 for the first page and \$2.00 for each additional page. The service is still in the soft rollout stage as the equipment has just been installed and the staff members are still becoming familiar with it.

February 8th is the Next College of DuPage Conference

The next Soaring to Excellence Teleconference is scheduled for February 8th from 11:00AM to 12:30PM. The title is "People Watching With a Purpose: Meeting Needs Before They Need It." This teleconference will explore how to match library programs to community needs. The speakers are: Ann

P. Bishop and Nancy Kranich. The Dean's conference Room has been tentatively reserved for a group viewing of the webcast. The webcast will be archived for thirty days for those who wish to view it later.

Interview Dates Have Been Set for Acquisitions Librarian Interviews-Save the Dates

Two candidates will be brought to campus as part of the search for a new Acquisitions Librarian. The first candidate will interview on February 19th and 20th and the second candidate will interview on February 28th and 29th. The interview schedules are being developed, so stay tuned for more information later.



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MLK Holiday and Spring Building Alarm Schedule

The building's alarm schedule for the spring semester is set up.

Reminder of the ULAPA Meeting and Results of Interim Election

The January meeting of the ULAPA is scheduled for 2:00-3:15 in Room 217 on Thursday, January 24th. The featured speaker is Chris Cavanaugh, the University Director of the Office of Internal Audit. Chris has prepared a video about the functions of his office and a slide presentation on how Internal Audit assists University Libraries in performing its duties. Attending with him will be Ted Ayres, University Vice President and General Counsel with his Assistant Counsel, Lisa Jones.

Betty Sherwood, current Vice Chairperson of the ULAPA, will assume the position of ULAPA Chairperson upon the retirement of John Williams. Jo Barnes has been elected to assume the vice chair responsibilities.

Congratulations to Jack Robertson

Congratulations go out to Jack Robertson whose position has been upgraded from Library Assistant I to Library Assistant II.

Jane Hodge Presents to Supplemental Instruction Student Leaders

Jane Hodge was invited to give a short presentation to ten new supplemental instruction student leaders. Supplemental Instruction is a service of the Undergraduate Success Program that provides weekly review sessions for selected courses. Hodge gave the student leaders a brief presentation on the Libraries' study and networked seminar rooms and how they can be reserved. She also gave them handouts with general library information, floor guides with room locations highlighted, and cards with Circulation's phone number. Starting this semester, Circulation will be increasing the number of study rooms that can be reserved to four. The student leaders all expressed their appreciation for the information and service.

Liorah Golomb Returns from ALA Midwinter

Liorah Golomb has returned from ALA Midwinter where she convened ACRL's Modern Language Association International Bibliography in Academic Libraries Discussion Group and attended several meetings of the Literatures in English Section (LES). She reports that the overarching theme was budget cuts, and how to do more with less. No solutions were presented but there was a lot of talk and commiseration. Liorah also attended a session on library issues associated with graphic novels such as preservation, mutilation, and content.

Carrye McGath Becomes Part of Rose Parade History

On December 15, 2007, Carrye and her husband participated in the float decoration process for the 2008 Rose Parade. She was one of the many volunteers who did prep work for the float decorations for the city of Palmdale. Her work involved snipping the petals off of flowers into small confetti like pieces and carefully removing the vein from around edge of the leaf of a plant called Lunaria. The theme of the Palmdale float, very appropriately, was "Celebrate the World through Reading". The city was celebrating the 30th anniversary of their library. Carrye's sister-in-law was one of the team leaders who helped supervise the groups of volunteers. The pictures below shows Carrye in front of the float



Don't Forget- Lewis and Clark Opening Tonight

Tonight from 6:30PM – 8:30PM is the opening reception and lecture for the Lewis and Clark Exhibit. We hope you will be able to come.



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Lewis and Clark Exhibit Arrives

You may have noticed that the first floor main corridor is a buzz with activity. All this activity is related to the set-up of the Lewis and Clark Exhibit. The grand opening of the exhibit is scheduled for next Friday, January 18th at 6:30. The opening celebration will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony; Native American dancers, drummers, and singers; and a keynote presentation entitled "Rethinking Indian Country" by **Dr. William E. Unrau**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Wichita State University. All are invited to attend.

Voyager Upgrade This Sunday

A series of patches will be installed to the Voyager server this Sunday from 6AM to around 8:00PM. Voyager and the OPAC will be unavailable at that time. Most changes are fixing minor glitches within the current release. This installation will put us on Voyager release 2006.5.3. Systems will be installing new clients in Technical Services and Public Services over the next few days. If you run into any Voyager problems on Monday please report those to either Nancy Deyoe, Jane Hodge, or Kathy Downes.

Reminder about Power Outage

Because of electrical power work being done in Jabara Hall, the Voyager server files, the OPAC, Library webpage, and e-mail will be unavailable between 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, to 6 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13.

Personnel Changes

We regret to inform you that Li Cao has resigned her position as Assistant Professor and Health and Life Science Librarian. Li will be joining her husband in China where he is now employed. Her last day will be February 8. Li will be missed by all who have had the privilege of working with her.

Monday will be Gemma Blackburn's first day as Assistant Professor and Library Systems Developer. Over the next few weeks, Gemma will be meeting with different library unit to discuss their development priorities. She also will be working with the Research Services Group to complete a few pending projects. We welcome Gemma in her new role!

It's that Time of Year Again...

Tax forms from the state of Kansas have arrived and are available on the table outside of the Government Documents Office. Federal tax forms are available from the IRS website at:

<http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/index.html>